

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2001

TO: Examiner Jane Fan, U.S. PTO *Via Facsimile 703-308-4734*
FROM: Joseph A. Mahoney
RE: Draft Summary of Interview of April 9, 2001 on U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 09/481,207

Dear Examiner Fan:

Thank you again for your time yesterday. Below are my thoughts regarding the summary for your consideration.

Identification of prior art discussed:

Lovgren U.S. Pat. No. 4,786,505

Ooishi Abstract of JP05255088

Gergely Abstract of EP 670160

Yoshitomi Pharm. Ind. Abstract of JP 05194225

Quercia Abstract of ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Vol. 31, p. P-51E (Dec. 1996)

Carroll and Trudeau Abstract from 10th World Congress of Gastroenterology (Oct. 1994)

Phillips U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,737

Phillips, Critical Care Med. Suppl. (Jan. 6, 1995)

Substance of Interview, Agreement, Etc.:

1. The buffer component of Claim 7 will be amended to claim a solid composition having a buffer component in an amount sufficient to prevent or inhibit acid degradation of the PPI by gastric acid sufficient to achieve bioavailability of the drug. Applicant will study the references to determine the amounts of buffer in the art references to distinctly differentiate them from the claimed buffer(s). Applicant will calculate, tabulate and compare the buffers in the art and the claimed buffer(s).

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